

From the Editor

THIS month we feature the Army's Maneuver Support Center and Fort Leonard Wood. Nowhere is the changing Army more noticeable than at the home of the engineers, military police and chemical corps. Just a few short years ago Fort Leonard Wood was a rarely heard of Army post on the fringes of the action. With the move of the Engineer School from Fort Belvoir, Va., in 1989, the Ozark Mountain post took on a new and important role in fielding the Army of the 1990s and beyond. With the closing of Fort McClellan, Ala., and the move of the MP and Chemical schools to join the engineers in Missouri, Fort Leonard Wood is now emerging as one of the Army's most important addresses. We hope you enjoy reading about the new — and very busy — Fort Leonard Wood.

As the summer season of travel, leave and PCS moves cranks up, we at *Soldiers* wish you all a safe and happy summer. And to those deployed, we wish a swift and safe return to your homes and families.

Ray H. Hittman

Korean War Posters

IN your May issue you had a small footnote addressing some Korean War posters. After a fair amount of time at the Center for Military History's website, I was unable to locate the posters. Any information you might have so that I can find these posters would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

SFC Jeff Owens
Fort Hood, Texas

FROM the stated CMH website at www.army.mil/cmh-pg, click on CMH Publications, then select Korea. That will get you to the CMH online catalog of Korean War items, including Posters 1 through 3. CMH was to add the Phase 4 poster by the end of June and a fifth poster is projected for distribution in the fall.

Favorite Tour

KOREA was my first assignment and one of my favorites. I began to enjoy my tour more once I understood what I was really there for. There were times when I would just think about what my camp looked like more than 50 years ago, see the faces of some of the older Koreans and wonder what they went through. I have learned so much since I became a member of this family and there is so much more for me to learn. Thank you for bringing me closer to those I have followed and preceded.

Ssg Nevarez
Fort Detrick, Md.

Liked Coverage

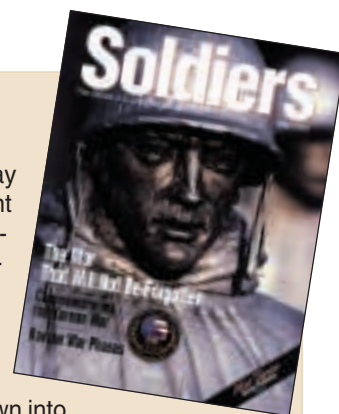
I SAW a copy of your May issue today. I am a Korean War combat veteran and a close personal friend of Robert MacLean, whom Heike Hasenauer wrote

Fantastic Issue

CONGRATULATIONS! Your May issue was fantastic. As a frequent (and sometimes published) contributor, I devoured it. The photographs, both new and archived, were incredible. The photo used for the inside back cover is one of the greatest I have seen of showing just normal "Joes" thrown into abnormal circumstances. In fact, I like that photo so much I would like to hang a larger version of it; where can I find it on the web or at what archival point?

William Cook
via e-mail

YOUR electronic copy of the photo has been sent. In addition, we plan to add jpeg images to the online version of the May issue as time allows.



about in her article "Remembering the Korean War." I would like to know how I might obtain two copies of the May issue of *Soldiers*. Your articles on the Korean War were outstanding. I want to show them to the members of my KWVA chapter and to my fellow 1st Cavalry Division Association members. I hope to see the June issue also with the pullout on Korea.

Verlin N. Rogers
Lakeland, Fla.

Your copies have been mailed.

Down Memory Lane

I WAS extremely impressed with the May issue of *Soldiers*, especially Heike Hasenauer's article "The War That Will Not Be Forgotten." It is interesting and informative to the general public as well as many Korean War veterans who might have been unaware of the big picture during that conflict. And although many veterans are aware of the three-year plan to commemorate the Korean War, few realize the work involved.

Heike's "Commemorating the Korean War" and the phase posters really spell out what's involved.

On a more personal note, "New Life for McClellan" brought tears to my eyes and a lump to my throat as it caused me to recall August 1943 when I was serving as acting first sergeant for a replacement training company. We were on the firing range when I was notified to pack up and report to Washington, D.C., for duty with the Office of Strategic Services. That reassignment led to wartime service in Europe against the Germans.

1SG Boris Robert Spiroff (Ret.)
Severna Park, Md.

Adopted Division

YOUR May issue commemorating the Korean War was excellent. However, may I point out a slight oversight in the chronology? You listed all Army divisions, as is proper, but did not include the 1st Marine Division. This unit, like other divisions shown, served in X Corps, un-

der Army control, and drawing all supplies through the Army supply system.

Col. Thomas M. McCabe,
USMC (Ret.)
Spring City, Pa.

They Also Served

DURING the upcoming commemorations of the Korean War, please do not forget the units that mobilized for that war but served elsewhere. The Pennsylvania Army National Guard's 28th Infantry Division was mobilized in September 1950. The division deployed to Europe for the duration of the Korean War — not because it wasn't combat-ready, but just the opposite. The Cold War was in full swing at this point (the recent Berlin Airlift being a good example of East-West tensions). While American forces were fighting in Korea, there was a great fear that the Soviet Union would take advantage of our distraction and move against Western Europe. The 28th ID and others were a critical deterrent.

Fortunately, our forces in Europe never had to engage the Soviets, but the threat was very real. Their contributions to the global war effort against communism cannot be understated.

CPT Anthony Smith, PAARNG
Via e-mail

Wrong School

I AM not one to "nit-pick" at unintentional errors, but one mistake that must be corrected is in the May issue of your magazine's "Focus on People." You referred to 1LT Benjamin Walters as a graduate of Weaver State University in Ogden, Utah. However, as a graduate of the same university and ROTC program, I can tell you the correct spelling is We-

ber State University. Just wanted to make the clarification.

CPT Scott T. Sleeman
Vancouver, Wash.

In Harm's Way?

AS a former artilleryman, I love to see guns in action as much as the next guy does. The only problem with the painting on the back cover of the May issue is that the soldier pulling the lanyard appears to be directly in the recoil path of the gun. No matter how far back you may be standing or how long your lanyard may be, only a fool stands directly in the path of a recoiling artillery piece.

MAJ John Dacey
Honolulu, Hawaii

Still in Demand

I WOULD greatly appreciate your assistance in obtaining some almanacs. I am requesting 10 copies of your January almanac, so that I can hang the posters up in the battalion area. They make a really great training aide.

Jason L. Bartlett
Fort Benning, Ga.

Want to Subscribe

IS it possible to subscribe to your magazine? I first encountered it when I was stationed in Bosnia with the British army. I worked with an American infantry company in Sarajevo.

I have since kept in contact with many of those soldiers and have managed to obtain a copy of **Soldiers** now and then. As a member of the British army I am keen to keep up on all the latest developments in other services, particularly the U.S. Army.

I am currently living in England and would pay for overseas delivery.

Lance Cpl. J. Vidler
via e-mail

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Confusing Statistics

I LOVE your annual **Soldiers Almanac** and find the


situation report interesting to see what personnel actually make up today's Army.

One question: on page 17 you list a comprehensive breakout of active Army personnel, including officers and warrant officers. The next paragraph lists the status of Army women, but does not delineate warrant officers or NCOs. Am I to assume they are included in the commissioned and enlisted numbers?

CW3 Carol E. Hauck
Fort Lewis, Wash.

THAT'S a good assumption, and thanks for your suggestion. We will try to get a breakout on the information in the form you suggest for next year's almanac.

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